



DODGE COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

December 21, 2020

The Dodge County Extension Education Committee of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors met Monday, December 21, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. on the 1st Floor Auditorium in the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Allen Behl – District 19, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Jenifer Hedrick (present via Zoom) – District 22; Annette Thompson (present via Zoom) – Dodge County School District Superintendent.

Also present: Area Extension Director Jeff Hoffman and Extension Dodge County department lead Tracy Malterer.

Also present via Zoom: Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator; Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Nutrition Educator; Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Nutrition Coordinator; Marie Witzel, Positive Youth Development Educator; and Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator.

Absent: Naomi Kriewald – District 9; Travis Schultz – District 25

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Hedrick, second by Thompson to approve the November 16, 2020 minutes as printed. Motion carried 3-0.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT REVENUE AND EXPENSES: Review and discussion of the Division of Extension - Dodge County revenues and expenses for November 2020 as presented.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS OF EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR NOVEMBER 23, 2020 AND DECEMBER 21, 2020: Chairperson Behl reviewed the per diem sheets as listed. Motion by Thompson, second by Behl to approve per diems as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

UPDATE FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2020 SPECIAL MEETING WITH DIVISION OF EXTENSION AG INSTITUTE DIRECTOR, HEIDI JOHNSON & AED JEFF HOFFMAN:

Hedrick and Behl reviewed their discussion with Extension's Ag Institute Director Heidi Johnson on November 23, 2020. An ag educator between Dodge and Fond du Lac counties will focus on research and education around soil health, tillage, erosion, etc. Hoffman reported that the position will be posted in late December with an anticipated start date of late February. Discussion held to bring leaders of the Dodge County Healthy Soil/Healthy Water group and interested supervisors to meet with Committee members and AED with a presentation of the position.

UPDATE ON DIVISION OF EXTENSION FROM AREA DIRECTOR: Hoffman will work with the Committee in early 2021 to assess programming needs in identified areas in Dodge County. Extension Dodge County's Civil Rights Audit & Review, postponed in 2020 due to COVID, will be rescheduled for 2021, and the department will be working on this for the first half of 2021.

EDUCATOR PRESENTATION: Pattie Carroll, Human Development & Relationships Educator gave a video presentation resiliency from the "Be Well" series that Pattie has been working within the Parenting Behind the Behavior cohort.

SHORT ORAL REPORTS BY EXTENSION EDUCATORS:

Kimberly Lafler, FoodWise Educator & Caitlin Richardson, FoodWise Coordinator - Lafler reported parent lessons with various groups have been well received in the virtual format, and she is finishing lessons at Green Valley Life Academy and Bright Futures for the calendar year. Lafler will be

gearing up for lessons with third grade students at Lincoln Elementary school in Beaver Dam after the first of the year. Lafler will start the new year preparing for lessons with Dodge County students as well as students as SAGES in Fox Lake. FoodWise continues to reach out and support community partners as needed while being respectful of their workloads at this time.

Lafler and Richardson both worked with Blue Zones Committee Members to help steer the work of the Food Environment Committee. This group met with a strategic planner from the Blue Zones National group to figure out the direction of work the Blue Zones Food Environment Committee wanted to take for the next couple of years. Richardson did additional work with Blue Zones and The Playground Movement in Beaver Dam to further the Growing Together Grant. In 2020, Dodge County FoodWise was awarded funding to put in 6 raised garden beds in Beaver Dam in collaboration with Blue Zones and The Playground Movement. The garden implementation was paused until 2021. Dodge County FoodWise funding will be rolled over to the summer of 2021. The group is working to update plans and resubmit any changes to the state. The intention of the gardens is to provide more access of fresh vegetables to low-income families/individuals in the community. The produce grown in the gardens will be donated to the Beaver Dam Food Pantry. Richardson also assisted the group in completing an independent grant (outside of FoodWise funds) that would provide the gardeners with the tools needed to garden the beds.

Amanda Young, Dairy and Livestock Educator – Young discussed some of the programs she has been working on. The first is adding Spanish and Hmong translations to the *Small Flock Nugget* social media post she has developed for small and backyard poultry raisers. You can check out these infographics at <https://livestock.extension.wisc.edu/article-topic/poultry/> Next, Young talked about the Badger Dairy Insight series that will feature state specialists and county educators. Two of these programs were completed in December with 13 more scheduled for January - March 2021. This series features topics from farm safety to animal welfare and dairy nutrition. Finally, Young discussed a marketing program she is working on with Area 16 and 14 colleagues entitled "Marketing with Confidence," this will be a Zoom program on alternating Tuesdays, and Thursdays starting in January covering crops and livestock marketing. Please check out more details of this program in the attached flyer.

Marie Witzel, Positive Youth Development Educator - Witzel updated the committee on the Annual Leader Training which is done as a part of the 4-H club/group charter renewal. There were over 350 people attending each of the sessions. To date approximately 150 evaluations have been returned. She also shared that the first month of activity kits for Area 16 (Columbia, Dodge and Sauk) have been ordered and there are about 57 for Cloverbud, Electricity, and Kitchen Science.


Witzel shared the last Friday Focus with the group. She highlighted the local 4-H club activities that are happening. The clubs have to go through program approval for the program to happen. There were caroling in nursing home parking lots, club meetings on zoom, club parades and preparation, and clubs getting supplies, making gingerbread houses and delivery to an area senior home.

NEXT MEETING DATE: There will be no January Extension Education Committee meeting. The next regularly scheduled Extension Education Committee meeting is Monday, February 15, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the 1st Floor Auditorium of the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Behl at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Naomi Kriewald, Secretary



Allen Behl, Chairperson